

# HOUSE BILL No. 1500

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-6.1.

**Synopsis:** Cultural diversity courses for teachers. Defines the term "course on cultural diversity". Requires the professional standards board to: (1) identify courses at the various teacher training institutions in Indiana that qualify as courses on cultural diversity; and (2) determine on an individual basis whether particular courses taken outside Indiana qualify as courses on cultural diversity. Prohibits the governing body of a school corporation from hiring an individual who receives an initial standard or reciprocal teaching license after March 31, 2001, unless the individual provides written evidence that the individual successfully completed at least one college course on cultural diversity.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 1999.

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January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-1-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1.1. As used in this article,**  
4 **"course on cultural diversity" refers to a postsecondary level**  
5 **course that encompasses all of the following:**

6 (1) **Promotes awareness, acceptance, and unity among all**  
7 **American citizens.**

8 (2) **Respectfully explains and analyzes the complexity,**  
9 **significance, and diversity of each subculture within the**  
10 **American culture, including an explanation of the respective:**

11 (A) **roles that each subculture has played; and**

12 (B) **values each subculture has shared;**

13 **in shaping and perpetuating the American culture.**

14 (3) **Provides instruction beyond the stereotypical and**  
15 **simplistic to meaningful facts and implications.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 20-6.1-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. (a) The board shall

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1 designate:

- 2 (1) the grade average required for each kind of license; and  
 3 (2) the kinds of license to which the teachers' minimum salary  
 4 laws apply, including nonrenewable one (1) year limited licenses.

5 (b) The board shall determine details of licensing not provided in  
 6 this chapter. These details may include requirements regarding:

- 7 (1) the conversion of one (1) kind of license into another;  
 8 (2) the accreditation of teacher training schools and departments;  
 9 (3) the exchange and renewal of licenses;  
 10 (4) the endorsement of another state's license;  
 11 (5) the acceptance of credentials from teacher training institutions  
 12 of another state;  
 13 (6) the academic and professional preparation for each kind of  
 14 license;  
 15 (7) the granting of permission to teach a high school subject area  
 16 related to the subject area for which the teacher holds a license;  
 17 (8) the issuance of licenses on credentials;  
 18 (9) the kind of license for each school position;  
 19 (10) the size of an elementary school requiring a licensed  
 20 principal; and  
 21 (11) other related matters.

22 However, the board shall, not later than December 31, 1984, establish  
 23 at least one (1) system for renewing a teaching license that does not  
 24 require a graduate degree.

25 (c) The board shall periodically publish bulletins regarding:

- 26 (1) the details described in subsection (b);  
 27 (2) information on the kinds of licenses issued;  
 28 (3) the rules governing the issuance of each kind of license; and  
 29 (4) other similar matters.

30 **(d) Not later than May 1 of each year, the board shall identify,**  
 31 **publish, and make available to students enrolled in teacher training**  
 32 **institutions in Indiana the postsecondary level courses expected to**  
 33 **be offered at the institutions during the following academic year**  
 34 **that qualify as courses on cultural diversity for purposes of**  
 35 **IC 20-6.1-4-1(c). For individuals who attended teacher training**  
 36 **institutions outside Indiana, the board shall determine on an**  
 37 **individual basis whether a particular course qualifies as a course**  
 38 **on cultural diversity for purposes of IC 20-6.1-4-1(c).**

39 SECTION 3. IC 20-6.1-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) Within ten (10)  
 41 days after a request from the governing body, the superintendent shall  
 42 make a report on any person being considered by the school



corporation for either a teaching appointment or an indefinite contract (as defined in section 9 of this chapter). This report must contain the person's teaching preparation, experience, and license.

(b) The governing body of a school corporation may not employ an individual who receives an initial standard or reciprocal license after March 31, 1988, for a teaching appointment under this chapter unless the individual:

(1) has successfully completed a beginning teacher internship program under IC 20-6.1-8;

(2) is participating in a beginning teacher internship program under IC 20-6.1-8; or

(3) has at least two (2) years of teaching experience outside Indiana.

**(c) The governing body of a school corporation may not employ an individual who receives an initial standard or reciprocal license after March 31, 2001, for a teaching appointment or other position requiring licensure under this article unless the individual provides to the governing body written evidence that the individual successfully completed at least one (1) postsecondary level academic course on the topic of cultural diversity identified by or approved by the professional standards board under IC 20-6.1-3-3.**

~~(c)~~ (d) This section does not prevent the granting of additional authority in the selection or employment of teachers to a superintendent by the rules and regulations of a school corporation.

**SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Notwithstanding IC 20-6.1-3-3, as amended by this act, and for the 1999-2000 academic year, the professional standards board shall identify, publish, and make available to students by July 1, 1999, the courses on cultural diversity scheduled to be offered at teacher training institutions in Indiana.**

**(b) This SECTION expires July 2, 1999.**

**SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) To be eligible for license renewal under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 by the professional standards board, every individual who holds a standard or nonlife professional license under IC 20-6.1 on March 31, 2000, must provide written evidence to the professional standards board demonstrating that the individual has successfully completed at least one (1) postsecondary level course on cultural diversity.**

**(b) Individuals:**

**(1) whose licenses are scheduled for renewal after March 31, 2000, but before April 1, 2005;**



1           (2) who have otherwise satisfactorily complied with the  
2           professional standards board's rules on license renewal under  
3           515 IAC 1-3 in effect on March 31, 2000; and

4           (3) who have not successfully completed at least one (1)  
5           postsecondary level course on cultural diversity;  
6           shall be granted a conditional license renewal valid for not more  
7           than twelve (12) months after the date on which the individual's  
8           license was originally scheduled to be renewed. An individual who  
9           fails to provide the written evidence described in subsection (a) to  
10          the professional standards board at the end of the twelve (12)  
11          month period may not be granted a license renewal.

12          (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2007.

13          SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.

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